Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 04 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 05 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 03 Apr 2021 at 11:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the marked transition to much colder conditions from later Sunday. Lower for forecast details from Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 04 Apr 2021: Low cloud becoming extensive as rain and snow set in later. Becoming bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Mist	Fog	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	<05%	10%	10%	30%	40%	70%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Weather: Areas of low cloud along the west coast will thicken and spread inland to western Lochaber and Argyll through the early hours. A bright, sunny start across eastern ranges but low cloud in the west will spread east from late morning to bring patchy rain and sleet/snow above around 800m. Rain/snow turning heavy for a time through evening before temperatures fall away leave isolated snow showers at all lower levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% east through morning, otherwise 10-20%.

Visibility: Best conditions across the Trossachs through morning. Extensive cloud above 400-600m across the west will spread east through afternoon. Below this, visibility will be good but will start to reduce as rain sets in. Risk of blizzard conditions mainly above munro level through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/24 SW	26/32 SW	29/37 SW	34/46 SW	40/55 SW	43/59 W	40/56 NW	34/49 NW	37/54 N
900	12/16 SW	14/19 SW	16/23 SW	25/35 SW	29/43 W	33/48 W	30/45 NW	27/41 NW	28/43 N
600	12/16 SW	15/20 SW	19/26 SW	26/36 SW	32/45 SW	34/49 W	28/43 W	24/37 NW	26/41 N
300	6/9 SW	7/11 SW	9/15 SW	13/21 SW	19/32 SW	20/34 W	20/34 NW	19/32 NW	20/33 N
Glen	7/12 W	7/14 W	6/14 SW	10/22 SW	16/32 SW	17/38 W	15/35 NW	16/34 NW	16/34 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-3	-0/-7	-2/-11	-3/-12	-1/-10	-1/-11	-4/-14	-8/-19	-12/-24
900	3/-1	1/-4	-0/-6	-0/-8	1/-6	2/-6	-0/-8	-5/-14	-8/-19
600	3/-1	2/-3	1/-6	2/-5	4/-3	4/-3	2/-5	-2/-10	-6/-16
300	4/2	3/0	3/-1	4/-0	5/0	6/1	4/-1	0/-6	-3/-11
Glen	4/2	4/2	4/2	6/3	8/4	8/4	6/2	2/-3	-1/-7
Freezing Level*	1000m	700m	600m	700m	1000m	1100m	600m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note freezing level will fall sharply through late evening allowing snow to fall to all levels. Winds may be closer to 70mph across highest/most exposed ground through afternoon.

Forecast for Monday 05 Apr 2021

Weather: A northerly airflow will maintain bitterly cold conditions with frequent snow showers and some sunny breaks between. Best of the shelter across the Trossachs with few if any showers here. Snow falling to all levels with some drifting likely across Lochaber and Glencoe in the occasionally gale force winds.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 25-35mph gusting 45-55mph, easing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% south, 30% north

Visibility: Snow showers will bring blizzards to all levels leading visibility to fall to almost zero at times with a risk of disorientation across the northern ranges. Low cloud will accompany showers, often down to 300-500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 to minus 3C, rising to around 2 or 3C.
At 800m: Minus 5 to minus 7C.
Freezing level: At all levels.

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